

## DEPARTMENT OF ENVIRONMENTAL QUALITY

### Public Notice – Air Quality Plan

**Notice of action:** The Department of Environmental Quality (DEQ) is announcing an opportunity for public comment on a proposed plan to attain and maintain the national ambient air quality standard for nitrogen oxides in the Western Virginia Emissions Control Area. If adopted, the Commonwealth intends to submit the plan as a revision to the Commonwealth of Virginia State Implementation Plan (SIP) in accordance with the requirements of § 110(a) of the federal Clean Air Act. The SIP is the plan developed by the Commonwealth in order to fulfill its responsibilities under the federal Clean Air Act to attain and maintain the ambient air quality standards promulgated by the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) under the Act.

**Purpose of notice:** DEQ is seeking comments on whether a now-obsolete permit that had established RACT for a facility that has been shut down should be removed from the SIP.

**Public comment period:** November 9 to December 10, 2007.

**Public hearing:** The Obenshain Room, DEQ West Central Regional Office, 3019 Peters Creek Road, Roanoke, Virginia, at 6:00 p.m. on December 10, 2007.

**Description of proposal:** The Norfolk Southern Railway Company rail car and locomotive maintenance facility located in Roanoke, Virginia (Registration No. 20468) has permanently shut down several coal-fired boilers that were subject to reasonably available control technology (RACT). Because the facility is permanently shut down, DEQ is requesting that EPA remove the permit from the SIP. Once EPA has approved this request and DEQ has notified the owner of this approval, the permit repeal will become effective 30 days later. DEQ is seeking comments on the issue of whether the now-obsolete permit should be removed from the SIP.

**Federal information:** This notice is being given to satisfy the public participation requirements of federal regulations (40 CFR 51.102). The proposal will be submitted as a revision to the Commonwealth of Virginia SIP under § 110(a) of the federal Clean Air Act in accordance with 40 CFR 51.104.

**How to comment:** DEQ accepts written comments by e-mail, facsimile transmission and postal mail. In order to be considered, written comments must include the full name, address and telephone number of the person commenting and be received by DEQ by 5:00 p.m. on the last day of the comment period. Due to problems with the quality of facsimile transmissions, commenters are encouraged to provide the signed original by postal mail within one week. Both oral and written comments are accepted at the public hearing. DEQ prefers that comments be provided in writing, along with any supporting documents or exhibits. All testimony, exhibits and documents received are

part of the public record. Please note this proposed plan is being concurrently reviewed by the U. S. Environmental Protection Agency.

**To review proposal:** The proposal and any supporting documents are available on the DEQ Air Public Notices for Plans web site (<http://www.deq.virginia.gov/air/permitting/planotes.html>). The documents may also be obtained by contacting the DEQ representative named below. The public may review the documents between 8:30 a.m. and 4:30 p.m. of each business day until the close of the public comment period at the following locations: 1) DEQ Main Street Office, 8th Floor, 629 E. Main Street, Richmond, Virginia, (804) 698-4070 and 2) DEQ West Central Regional Office, 3019 Peters Creek Road, Roanoke, Virginia, 540-562-6700.

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